

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

ask him when the promised \$25 million will be made available to Cape Breton mines and in particular the \$10 million required to open the new mine in Lingan.

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):** Mr. Speaker, I have already said that we were waiting for the Donald report.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** That is not what the former minister said.

**Mr. Pepin:** Mr. Speaker, we are reviewing the situation of the coal industry in the maritimes, and at the appropriate time this question can be brought up in debate.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I would ask the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys to review the policy statements made—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** —by the former minister of labour and ask him what the Donald report has to do with an announced policy of aid.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I believe the hon. member's question is supplementary to a certain extent. The original question was in order, but the supplementary question seems to be of a general nature not requiring an urgent reply at this time.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I would remind the house that there was nothing wrong with the supplementary question, it was only the answer which was out of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South):** A supplementary question to the Prime Minister. I would ask the Prime Minister, in that a policy announcement by a minister is no longer an accepted responsibility of that particular minister, does this mean that in future no minister will be allowed to make policy statements announcing matters concerning other than his own department?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE****SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION—  
PROSECUTION OF MEMBERS**

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Solicitor General. Can the Solicitor General inform the house what progress is being made by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

[Mr. MacInnis (Cape Breton South).]

in their inspection of the records seized from the headquarters of the Seafarers International Union with a view to the possible laying of charges against Mr. Banks and some of his close associates?

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I instructed the R.C.M.P. to continue the investigations that they were conducting at the time they were halted by the court proceedings. I am unable to add anything further.

**DOMINION-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS****USE BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF  
CONDITIONAL GRANTS**

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, would the Prime Minister say, having regard to the difficulties that have been experienced in the province of Quebec, particularly by McGill University during the last few days, and which led to the intervention of two ministers, the Minister of Industry and the Minister without Portfolio, whether any provincial government may now use funds designated for a general objective for a purpose other than that for which the payment is made? In other words, is Premier Lesage justified in his view that the \$17.5 million paid to the province of Quebec can be used not for education in any particular but for the building of roads? Is that the Prime Minister's understanding of the unconditional nature of conditional grants?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, my understanding, I repeat, is that the money was made available to the province of Quebec by the federal government for aid to education.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gilles Grégoire (Lapointe):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister.

Could he assure the house that his government will not interfere in any way in the field of education which, according to the constitution, comes under provincial jurisdiction?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The question is out of order at this time. The hon. member's question is of a very general nature and consequently has nothing urgent at this time.